

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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There are currently many inconsistencies between states regarding the licensure, education, practice and regulation of advanced practice registered nurses, to include certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners and registered nurse anesthetists. These inconsistencies create confusion for other health professionals as well as the public and make it difficult for advanced practice nurses to endorse in and out of Idaho.

In 2008, the national “Consensus Model for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Regulation” was introduced to establish national standards for the uniform regulation of APRNs in all states. The model was developed by 48 nursing organizations nationwide and since 2008, has been endorsed by nearly every APRN organization and most Boards of Nursing in the country. The Idaho Board of Nursing endorsed the model in 2008 and is proposing legislation to come into compliance with concepts established in the model.

The Idaho Nurse Practice Act currently licenses advanced practice registered nurses and regulates their practice consistent with most provisions of the model. However, there are changes necessary for full conformity with uniform standards established by the model.

Proposed legislation will not alter existing advanced practice nurse roles or scopes of practice. Instead, the legislation will refine titles, change the membership of the current board of nursing APRN advisory committee and create a statutory framework for identifying by rule educational requirements for licensure, criteria for educational programs and grandfathering of advanced practice nurses currently licensed in Idaho as well as advanced practice nurses licensed in other states applying to endorse into Idaho based on previous requirements.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is estimated to have an annual negative impact of \$2,000.00 in operating expenses to the Board of Nursing dedicated fund to cover costs for meeting rooms, meals, travel and related expenses for an additional five advisory committee members to attend four meetings a year.

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